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For: **MODIFIED PHOSPHODIESTERASE POLYPEPTIDES WITH ALTERED  
PHYSIOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in response to the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application, in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to this Notice is due May 17, 2004. This Preliminary Amendment is accompanied by a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(e) and a petition fee in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) of \$130.00. Also enclosed is the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Applicants respectfully request entry of the enclosed amendment, consideration of attached petition, and consideration of the following remarks, and grant of December 15, 2003, as the filing date of the application.